



Mr. Woodrow W. Russell

36 years of experience in metal fabrication, machining and Mechanical Design.

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Experience and Achievements

Before working at the INL, Mr. Woodrow 'Woody' Russell had a strong background as a machinist building stainless steel food processing equipment, which were sold through the world.

Mr. Russell began working at the INL in 1989 and has worked exclusively in prototype development. He has helped develop and build main frame camera components for the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) project. Mr. Russell has also done research and development on lab former machines and screw drives as well as traveled extensively to train personnel working on equipment he as built.

His nominator, Warren Jones, stated, "Drawing on 35 years' experience as a machinist and technician, Woody provides solutions commonly expected of an engineer/technician team. He has a rare combination of skill and intuition that allows him to interpret customer needs and translate them into solutions with efficiency and expedience. His knowledge of fabrication and assembly methods makes him valuable resource during initial design stages. However, it is his attitude that truly distinguishes him. He is courteous and respectful in his dealings, and conscientious of his co-workers; a rare trait in today's work environment."

At home he builds mechanical fuel injection/fuel pumps and rolling chassis for high performance racing applications. According to Mr. Russell, "Life is good!!!!"

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